



The X-Presidents

The joys of being jobless

As avid Kernel readers, I expect you all know June 30 was the last day in office for former UK President Charles Wethington. He now assumes a position as a fundraiser. But we at the Kernel thought it would be funnier if he took a different job, because we honestly have nothing better to talk about. The only other topics were "Composers of the 1870s" and "Saved by the Bell" reruns.

With his experience in "Presidential" (technically, you can make a verb out of anything), Wethington shouldn't have a problem working for Hardee's. It sounds easy but have you ever tried to break open one of those biscuit cartons without tearing it up?

He could be a fundraiser for other not-so-great-but-soon-to-be-great things. A few with potential: the Lexington Legends, TiVo and sliced bread.

There is no reason Wethington can't put out his own rap album. It seems they'll let anyone do that these days. He could be DJ Chuck or Ice C.

Now I know Dick Cheney is recovering nicely from surgery but it's always safe to have a backup. Some of you will say, "The speaker of the House is next in line," but the Constitution is flexible.

I've heard begging on the side of the road can make you some decent money. Wethington could hold a sign that reads, "Will raise funds for funds."

With all the woes the football program has been going through, it's only a matter of time before Wethington takes the helm.

I bet TV networks would love to have him on one of their new reality shows about aging fundraisers and Gen X losers all stuck together in a Volkswagen Beetle.

He could always write for Left of Center. He would be better than the room full of monkeys and typewriters.

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THE '411'

Friday's weather



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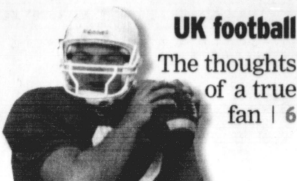
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ATHLETICS

Report calls for college sports reform

Knight Commission: Recommendations include decreasing spending on football, basketball

By **Lamin Swann**
STAFF WRITER

Imagine going to Rupp Arena for a basketball game and seeing a player's uniform with the UK logo and his number but no Nike swoosh. Or imagine sitting with your friends in Rupp and not seeing billboards advertising corporate sponsors.

It could happen.

The Knight Foundation Com-

mission on Intercollegiate Athletics, in a report issued on June 26, called for sweeping changes in major college sports, saying the programs are damaging the nation's universities.

The commission released "A Call to Action: Reconnecting College Sports and Higher Education," a 48-page report making recommendations to repair what problems it considered damaging to colleges and universities

across the nation.

Among the recommendations are decreasing spending on football and basketball, lowering the number of Division I-A football scholarships, prohibiting corporate trademarks and logos, and decreasing advertising in arenas and stadiums.

UK President Lee Todd said Sunday that he had not had an opportunity to review the report at length.

Undeclared freshman Maria Keelson agreed with the commission's statement that the emphasis on college athletics needed to be decreased but said she be-

lieves athletic departments will not follow the recommendations.

"With athletic powerhouses like UK and Duke, which bring in millions of dollars for the schools, they will not give in," she said.

Others say the athletic image of a university must be placed behind the academic image.

Michael Billings, a biology freshman, who is not an avid sports fan, said the image of UK as a "basketball school" needs to be changed.

"It never fails. Every time I say to a friend or family member that I go to UK, the first subject that comes up is basketball,"

Billings said. "The only name I know on the (men's) basketball team is Tubby (Smith)."

Another recommendation made by the Knight Commission was that "schools that do not graduate at least half of their players should be ineligible for conference titles or post-season play, beginning in 2007."

According to NCAA reports, UK's average four-year graduation rates are 45 percent for men's basketball and 49 percent for the football team.

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

TRANSITION

Todd's first week filled with changes



PHOTOS BY DWYAN CHAMBERS | PHOTO EDITOR

Meet the president

UK President Lee Todd spoke with members of the summer advising conference staff Monday prior to making his first official address. More than 300 administrators, faculty, staff and students gathered to hear his speech.

First address: President says cooperation and collaborative spirit necessary to help Kentucky

By **Scott Sloan**
EDITOR IN CHIEF

More than 300 administrators, faculty, staff and students gathered Monday morning at 8:30 at the plaza outside the Patterson Office Tower.

The reason — UK President Lee Todd's first official address.

During his address, Todd said UK must do more for the state of Kentucky.

"Someone asked me a minute ago if this was the last day of my administration, what would I like to say about my legacy. What I'd like to say is that the University of Kentucky did more for the state of Kentucky than any state university did in the country," he said.

Todd said cooperation and collaboration are necessary for UK to impact Kentucky.

"In order for us to have the impact, we will have to work together with other people and we will do that," he said.

Todd jokingly said during his address that the size of the group gathered could be in violation of an administrative regulation.

"That may be the first A.R. (administrative regulation) we kiss goodbye ... and more to come," Todd said.

Future regulation changes aside, people have already noticed

a number of changes on campus.

Among the changes at the Office Tower plaza are the addition of park benches and a UK Food Services snack stand.

If you haven't met Todd

President Todd and his wife, Patsy, will attend a reception from 3 to 5 p.m. today at the Student Center Grand Ballroom. Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend.

Administrative changes

The executive committee of the UK Board of Trustees is meeting today at 10 a.m. to consider reorganizing UK's administrative structure.

It is widely believed Todd will request UK's administration be changed from the present chancellor system to a provost system, which would call for a provost to oversee academics at UK and report directly to the president.

If you go

The Trustees' executive committee meets at 10 a.m. today in the board room on the 18th floor of the Patterson Office Tower.



Making a statement

Todd spoke with members of the media Monday morning before making his first address as UK president.



Moving in

Todd and his family arrived Sunday afternoon at Maxwell Place, the residence of UK's president.

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ACROSS THE POND

Finnish-ing your college life with money to spend

Advantages: Finnish students receive free tuition but undergo difficult admission process

By **Antti Peltonen**
FINNISH CORRESPONDENT

Tired of attending your 8 a.m. class?
Tired of paying tuition?
Move to Finland.

In Finland, lots of services, including education, are paid for by the government. A Finnish student can begin his academic career in elementary school and end it with a Master's degree, never having paid a euro.

And yes, one of the greatest differences between college in Finland and the United States is attendance is rarely mandatory in Finland.

"I have literally not seen any of my professors in two years," said Tuomas Anttila, a law school junior. "In a way it is even paradoxical, but it is true."

The differences between the education systems make this possible. There are no semesters in Finland. Students are offered certain times during the school year, which usually lasts from September until May, to take exams. If students pass the exams, they earn credit hours for the courses.

The exams make it possible to earn between 40 and 60 credit hours per year without ever entering a classroom. All students must do is find out what material the exam will cover and start reading.

There are some subjects, though, that require attendance such as music and some languages.

Studying at a Finnish university is described by many as independent and there is generally no one to encourage students to study harder if they are performing poorly. Some students enjoy the autonomy the system offers.

"I enjoyed the freedom that the Finnish education system provided for me throughout school," said Kaisa Laitinen, a 1999 graduate of the University of Helsinki. "I felt like I could maximize my time by studying when I felt like it."

Jaakko Hotta, a medical school junior, agreed with Laitinen but still feels a bit confused sometimes.

"Every now and then I miss the high school, because I had my classmates and teachers who were there every day," he said.

Although the Finnish education system may seem like a dream to some, entering a university can be one of the most difficult tasks a Finnish person has to go through.

Finland has 15 universities located throughout the country. Since education is free, acceptance is not dependent on finances; however, each university evaluates students based on their high school education and exams covering particular subjects.

For example, the University of Helsinki accepted only 15.3 percent of law school applicants in 1999, according to university officials. Only 6.4 percent of psychology majors were accepted.

If students are not accepted, they have to wait a year until they have the option to try again.

The preparation for the pre-college exams is a difficult time for many students.

"For five months I did nothing but read those three books that we were asked to read," said Toni Lahti, a law school junior. "I did not go out with my friends, I did not have a life."

But for him, it paid off. In four years, he will be a lawyer. Unfortunately, it doesn't pay off for all students.

Johanna Laine wanted to be a history teacher for years. She made five attempts over five years to pass the selection process but never made it.

Keep on reading

The Kernel begins the first of a four-part series profiling road trip destinations for the cash-strapped student this week with a look at Kentucky's own Mammoth Cave on page 3.

Over the next three weeks, we'll profile the hottest amusement parks and the best places nature has to offer.

ATHLETICS

Gymnasts visited by Olympian

Summer treat: Camp participants meet and talk with Svetlana Boguinskaia, a three-time Olympic gymnast and gold medal winner

By Erika Simpson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

She's known as the "Belarusian Swan."

UK's gymnastics team hosted three-time Olympic gymnast Svetlana Boguinskaia at its annual Gymnasts camp held last week.

The Olympian helped instruct a group of almost 100 gymnasts, ages 8 to 18.

Boguinskaia said she hoped to pass on the knowledge she received from mentors including Olga Korbut.

"That is what I'm going to try to do ... (I'll) give my experience to the children, and hopefully it will help them in the future," she said.

The camp took place last week at the Nutter Field House. Gymnasts were grouped according to their ability and worked on gymnastics skills for

over seven hours each day through Thursday.

Boguinskaia arrived Wednesday night and addressed the crowd of hyper, eager gymnasts.

Boguinskaia, 28, began gymnastics at age six when coaches came to her kindergarten class and asked if anyone would like to learn the sport.

After nine years of training more than seven hours per day, she competed in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, Korea, at age 15. She won five medals, two of them gold, but her excitement was dashed immediately afterward when her coach committed suicide.

It was then that Boguinskaia first considered quitting gymnastics forever.

Because of her love for gymnastics and the family she had through it, Boguinskaia re-

turned to competition. "I think the sport is so beautiful that I couldn't stay for a long time without it," Boguinskaia said. "I had to come back, because my ... old friends were in gymnastics."

At the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Boguinskaia competed against three-time national champion Kim Zmeskal. She decided to retire from gymnastics after the games.

But it would not be the end. While watching the 1994 world championships on television, she decided to make a comeback. She went on to train with the renowned Bela Karolyi and compete with the Belarusian team at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

She now lives in Houston, Texas, and owns her own Internet sportswear company, "Gymwear.com."

She said she also hosts her

own gymnastics competitions, the Boguinskaia Invitationals and "organizes and hosts a lot of camps like this one."

Her future plans involve being a successful mother, businesswoman and staying involved in gymnastics through helping underprivileged children.

"I would like to have a children's foundation for the kids who don't have money ... just to raise money for them to do sports," she said.

She also says that she thought about competing again for a time, but her "body is telling (her) there is something else she has to do." Nevertheless, she says she "probably could have done it."

Boguinskaia encourages both boys and girls, including college students, to try gymnastics, because it is a "wonderful sport."

Although she hoped to pass on her experience to the gymnasts, perhaps it was love and commitment for the sport that she left with them.

SUMMER-NOMICS

Area business slows during summer

By Jimmy Nesbitt
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Summer is a transition period for many students.

Whether it's graduation, internships or jobs, many students choose to leave Lexington during summer and explore the world around them.

With students gone, businesses surrounding campus that depend on students during the school year must make adjustments to stay afloat.

Lynagh's Irish Pub and Grill receives most of its summer business from a steady

lunch crowd.

Gina Lynagh, owner and founder of the establishment, said she is forced to cut back on staff and inventory when students leave after finals week at the beginning of May.

"Business drops off by about twenty percent between May and August," she said.

Lynagh cites a smaller late night crowd as the biggest reason for the slowing summer business.

John Tresaloni, owner of the Fishtank Bar and Grill, said his business has also slowed since spring semester classes

ended in May.

"We might not see our first customer at the bar until 10 o'clock," he said.

Although business hasn't returned to the level it was at during spring semester, Tresaloni said the eight-week summer session has brought back many familiar faces.

Tim Joyce, owner of CD Warehouse, said his store has also felt losses, although he said it has a customer base exceeding just the UK student body. He said customers do include students walking to and from class, but the success of his business

ultimately depends on the local community.

To lower operating costs during the summer, Joyce schedules fewer employees, cuts back on advertising and orders fewer new releases.

While some students may be dreading the upcoming semester, Joyce is looking forward to it.

"I'm excited. There's a lot of fresh new faces, football's going on again and fraternities and sororities, are having rush," Joyce said. "Summer is a ho-hum time because there's nothing going on."

ACHIEVEMENTS

Kernel earns honors at summer Kentucky Press Association convention

By Steve Jones
SPORTSWEARLY EDITOR

The Kernel was a winner in the Kentucky Press Association's annual Better Newspaper Contest.

The awards were announced during the KPA summer convention, held June 22 in Covington, Ky.

The KPA, whose member newspapers are placed into divisions based in part on circulation size and publication rate, awarded the Kernel first place for General Excellence in the Associate Newspapers division.

Western Kentucky University's College Heights Herald placed second in the overall competition for general excellence.

The Kernel, which has been an independent student publication since 1971, also won several individual categories within the Associate

division.

Among them were first-place finishes for best front page, editorial page, sports page, business page and special edition section.

The Kernel, which has a daily circulation of 17,000 during the academic year, received second place in the categories of typography, lifestyle page and local news pictures. The Kernel finished third for best local sports pictures.

A certificate of merit was also awarded to the Kernel for best newspaper promotion.

Chris Poore, the Kernel's new media adviser, accepted the awards on the paper's behalf.

"The students should be proud of their accomplishments last year," Poore said. "This contest was judged by professionals, and judging by their comments, they think a lot of the Kernel's work."

TODD

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Everyone has a pet
Todd held his son Troy's 16-year-old cat, Ivory, Sunday at Maxwell Place. Looking on is Todd's wife, Patsy.

Health insurance

President Todd announced Tuesday the creation of a 12-member task force to review UK's health insurance coverage for employees.

Todd charged the group to investigate issues such as the rising costs of prescription drugs and the demographics of

an aging workforce and to produce a report with recommendations by Dec. 31.

"I've got to just totally understand the issue ... before I can dissect the details to see what we have to do to try to reduce the rates," Todd said.

The committee includes members from all of UK's employee groups.

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Graduate School Dissertations

<p>Name: Michael S. Brown Program: Political Science Dissertation Title: New Institutions and Algorithms for Acquiring, Restoring, and Replaying Digital Social Collections Major Professor: Dr. Brent Seaman Date: July 17, 2001 Time: 11 a.m. Place: 309 OHS</p>	<p>Name: Benjamin Chang Program: Molecular & Biomedical Pharmacology Dissertation Title: Activation of PKC-δ Gene Transcription by Mitogen-3 and Retinoic Acid Receptors Through Interactions with Secondary Response Elements in the 5' -3' Untranslated Region Major Professor: Dr. David Kriebel Date: July 11, 2001 Time: 12 p.m. Place: MB 501 Medical Center</p>
<p>Name: Rick Swanson Program: Political Science Dissertation Title: State Supreme Court Oversight of State Administrative Agencies Major Professor: Dr. Brad Conroy Date: July 16, 2001 Time: 11 a.m. Place: 304 Patterson Office Tower</p>	<p>Name: Philip Red Gossamer Program: Sociology Dissertation Title: Media and Risk Crisis: High Issue Salience and the Effects of the Recording of Risk Crises Major Professor: Dr. Scott Watt, Dr. Graham Doury Date: July 11, 2001 Time: 12 p.m. Place: 304 Patterson Office Tower</p>
<p>Name: Chad Vickary Program: Psychology Dissertation Title: Effectiveness of Multiple Tests in a Road Injury Sample: An Analysis Study Major Professor: Dr. David Berry Date: July 11, 2001 Time: 1 p.m. Place: 216 Kastle Hall</p>	<p>Name: David Smith Program: Animal Sciences Dissertation Title: Nutritional Evaluation of Nutrients and Water Consumption for Ruminants Major Professor: Dr. James Jackson Date: July 11, 2001 Time: 9 a.m. Place: 107 Gables Building</p>
<p>Name: Deborah Smith Armstrong Program: Nursing Dissertation Title: Emotional Distress and Prenatal Attachment in Pregnancy After Perinatal Loss Major Professor: Dr. Lynn Hall Date: July 12, 2001 Time: 1-3 p.m. Place: 333/301 HSC</p>	

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CRAWLING

Bored? Look no farther than Kentucky's Mammoth Cave

Road trip: Getting away for a weekend can be as easy as hopping in the car and caving

By Erika Simpson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Studies and work schedules can be burdensome on summer school students. Those who relate with this, or simply agree, may need to take a vacation ... or a weekend road trip.

Summer caving can be a good way to cool off and break a healthy sweat. The nearest destination - Mammoth Cave National Park.

Mammoth Cave is the longest cave system in the world. Its passages and rooms are adorned with white gypsum crystals, stalactites and stalagmites. Creatures such as eyeside fish and white spiders reside within its walls.

The national park offers a host of options for visitors including cave tours, hiking the caverns and park trails, horse-

back riding, fishing, canoeing, watching the park's birds and wildlife, and paddle-boarding.

After a full day of exploration, you might want to sit down to a nice meal or head to the hotel or campsite. You'll have no problems there. Restaurants in the area range from pizza eateries to the "A Little Taste of Texas Cafe." Hotels are numerous and vary in prices. Some of the best lodging deals can be found on the Internet.

There are also campgrounds at the park for those who wish to rough it.

On the second day, one can visit the sites in the surrounding region. Just down the road are amusement parks, a regional theatre, museums and historic sites. If the second day is designated as the caving day, reservations ensure a place in the group. The tour

fees range from \$3.50 to \$35. This summer the cave offers nine different tours including one for the mobility impaired. Tours run each day from 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m.

A light jacket is a must for the tour. Although summer temperatures typically hover around the 80s and 90s, Mammoth Cave remains around 54 degrees year-round. Cavers may also want to take hiking boots so they can go fully-equipped through the cave's muddy tunnels and crawl-spaces. Flashlights, hard hats and kneepads may be necessary.

With a light picnic on Sunday, a trip to Mammoth Cave can leave you both refreshed and tired, having adventured one of the unsung wonders of the world.

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WHAT'S NEW?
Video



Snatch

Guy Ritchie's second movie. Worth a rental just to hear Brad Pitt use Gaelic. In stores.

-Compiled by Alan Stone

A GUIDE TO WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND UK

On Tap...

For the week of July 5 - July 11

THURSDAY

- Starlight Lounge Live. AIA. 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$1.03.
- Mary Chapin Carpenter. Riverbend. 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$22.50-\$29.75.

FRIDAY

- Cowboy Mouth. Jillian's. Louisville. 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$12.50.
- Traveling Jack. Kitty O'Shea's. 9:30 p.m. Tickets TBA.
- Blink 182. Verizon Wireless Music Center, Indianapolis. 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$25.

SATURDAY

- Nickleback. Waterfront Park. Louisville. 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$5.
- Ron Sexsmith. Top Cats. 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$5.

SUNDAY

- The Doobie Brothers. Palace Theatre. Louisville. 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$32.50-\$75.

TUESDAY

- Les Claypool's Frog Brigade. Bogart's. 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$15.

Coming Soon

- Journey. Riverbend. July 15. 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$22.25-\$47.75.
- Barenaked Ladies with Vertical Horizon. Riverbend. July 17. 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$21.50-\$45.25.
- BioRitmo. Lynagh's. July 19. 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$7.
- The Derek Trucks Band. Lynagh's. July 20. 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$15.
- Coors Light Jazz Fest. Cineray Field. July 20-22. 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$30-\$50.
- Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. Verizon Wireless Music Center. July 22. 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$22.50-\$50.
- Janet Jackson. Rupp Area. July 22. 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$36-\$79.
- Giam Metal Jam 2001. Riverbend. July 24. 6 p.m. Tickets range from \$17.75-\$27.75.

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— Henry McMaster, South Carolina GOP chair, to 800 teen boys at Palmetto Boys State leadership camp debate. He later apologized for the comment.



If I went into politics, I could stay in acting and never have to change roles."

— Former President Bill Clinton, explaining why he gave up his theatrical ambitions in favor of politics, to graduating seniors at the Professional Performing Arts School in New York.



I was a soldier, but I know of no enemy in war more insidious or vicious than AIDS."

— Secretary of State Colin Powell, renewing the government's commitment to fighting the epidemic, in an address to the United Nations.

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IN OUR OPINION

Off the wall: Ten Commandments should be removed

While a recent court ruling has ordered against their posting, the Ten Commandments are still adorning a public building

Thou shalt not keep making the same mistakes. No, it isn't one of the Ten Commandments, but it should be. If it was, Pulaski County officials should follow it.

More than a week ago, U.S. District Judge Jennifer B. Coffman ordered three counties' displays of the Ten Commandments, conveniently posted alongside various historical documents, to be removed. Since that time, two of the three counties, Harlan and McCreary, have followed the order.

Pulaski officials said the Commandments are still on display at the county courthouse because Judge-Executive Darrell Beshears is out of town serving with the Army Reserves.

It's time to end this saga.

Have the Pulaski County courthouse janitor remove the Commandments. Why waste time with formalities?

Harlan County school board members are considering dropping their appeal of the case because of the possibility of having to pay the attorney fees of the American Civil Liberties Union, which sought to have the displays removed on grounds of the separation of church and state. Harlan County officials had posted the Commandments and historical documents at the school's district office and in all 11 schools.

The legality of posting the Ten Commandments has been ruled upon a number of times already. It's time to move on. The counties should spend their money educating children rather than padding the pockets of ACLU attorneys.

While supporters of both sides of this debate love to revel in whether the separation of church and state doctrine is valid, the issue is moot. The fact remains that our tax dollars are being used to fund this courthouse feud.

Even if the Ten Commandments were posted, and they shouldn't be, what effect would they have on children? Unfortunately, school officials are more concerned about two stone tablets than kids and their writing tablets.

Brian B. Issleb

GUEST COLUMNIST

Cancer ruling shows life isn't always fair

Well, thank God. Just when I thought we were going to run out, a brand new billionaire has been added to the world.

In case you didn't hear, last week a Los Angeles jury awarded \$3 billion to a 56-year-old man with cancer who claimed Philip Morris did not warn him of the health risks of smoking. He also said he didn't become aware of the health warnings until the mid-1990s.

Don't worry. I'm not going to write a column about this. Nothing I could write would be nearly as stupid as the reality. And that's saying something, because I can be pretty stupid. I'd just like to note that I'm really hoping the story about Mountain Dew decreasing your sperm count is true, because if your lungs are worth \$3 billion...

Though this guy's now richer (and probably more fertile) than me, I've got something he's sorely lacking, something demanded by our forefathers and as much a part of our national heritage as the scorn of the French: a sense of personal responsibility.

Those founders of our country expected something in return for freedom. Much like a nuclear accelerator particle flow through a dimensional gate, the Constitution swings both ways (this may well be the worst simile ever, but I need to get in at least one *Obnoxious* reference a day). Sure, it guarantees you the freedom to do what you want, but it also implicitly asks you to be responsible for the things you do. And if you look closely, it implies another thing: Life's not fair.

Yeah, we all know life's not fair, we hear this all the time. Except none of the people saying it are those who need to accept it.

Consider bad schools. Obviously,

all schools should be equal and everyone should have a shot at a quality education. But since this is not the case, what do you do if your school sucks? If, that is, life is unfair?

There's only one answer: Work twice as hard and overcome your situation. What else is there? Sure, try to change the system, while achieving within it. And if you do want to change the system, you'll be much more effective once you've achieved success yourself.

It's another facet of personal responsibility, ignoring outside factors and holding yourself alone responsible for your success.

Half the problem with poverty is not the condition itself but the attitude it engenders. When you've been screwed by society, it's awfully difficult to just suck it up and work harder. We tend to deal with injustice by simply waiting for it to be fixed. So people living in bad conditions eventually just give up, adding to a cycle in which generation after generation fails to escape them.

If it sounds like I'm putting some of the blame for poverty on the poor, that's because I am... I really do believe in the American dream.

Although I've frequently been mocked for it, I really do believe in the American dream. The simple fact is that in this country, if you work hard enough, you'll do well. So maybe the thing that separates those who rise out of bad conditions from those of bad conditions from those who don't is the simple ability to accept that no, life's not fair, and deal with it.

Guest Columnist Brian B. Issleb writes for the *Daily Illini* (U. Illinois). His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Putting the LAPP controversy aside: students and neighbors must cooperate

To the editor:

I wanted to briefly address the issue of the proposed Lexington Area Party Plan. It was implied in the June 28 issue that I "would like to see LAPP pass." Let me make my position absolutely clear.

There is an ongoing problem in the neighborhoods that we are all aware of. This problem is not going to go away on its own. But I do believe that it is one that can be solved when the student, neighborhood, university and city leaders work together.

Many people think that students do not care about these problems. As a former student leader and someone who works with students presently, I know that there are a great many who do. On the opposite end, many students have thought that neighborhood leaders are simply anti-student. There may be a few who are, but my experience tells me that it is not true of the vast majority.

So, what am I in favor of? I am in favor of solving this problem. To that end, the only thing that I am advocating is an interested neighborhood association to come together with SGA leaders. Each side has been in its respective corners for far too long. It is time to get out of the ring, take the gloves off, sit down at a table, roll up the sleeves and get to work.

If that ultimately means resolving problems with LAPP and adopting it, so be it. If it leads to other solutions as alternatives, so be it. So to clarify, I am not advocate for LAPP. But I am an advocate for change; things must change now.

JOE SCHULER

Web site controversy seems silly when other campus issues need addressing

To the editor:

Is it just me, or do we, as competent college students need to take a serious "chill" pill? I know it's the summer and tempers are flaring, but to get angry over the newer web site is a ridiculous waste of time. In my opinion, it is not the prettiest web site on earth, but why do we have to make every single thing racially motivated? I think the Women's Studies department is examining a drop when we have a whole sea of troubles.

Thankfully, they got rid of the "Next Great University" slogan and tried to make it more interactive. I, as a black woman, am happy that another black woman was shown, in effect trying to make the University even more diverse than it really is. If you want to whine about something, please let's look at the real issues around campus. Like, why, out of about 28,000 students, less than half of us are minorities to begin with? Or on a non-racial issue, why can some of us students not get classes that we need to graduate, but we keep seeing stone walls erected around campus saying "The University of Kentucky" (Pick up the clue phone people. If you are on campus and don't know you're on campus ... you are either not from around here or just plain stupid).

In conclusion, instead of criticizing one web site out of the 100 kazillion, we need to take care of the real issues around campus.

Nicole Hardin
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SENIOR

To the editor:

Bravo to Kernel Columnist Clay McDaniel for his June 14 column. "Big city police make a mountain out of a molehill." I am so sick of pictures and phrases picked apart and analyzed for the possibility of sexist or racist remarks. This is not to say that said remarks never occur but looking for them where there are none is silly.

I once heard a story about a UK professor that touted a picture of a woman walking her dog as sexist. According to the teacher, the woman was demeaned by being pictured "chained to an animal" and was therefore given the same status as the animal. Excuse me? She was walking her dog. By the way, isn't it a law that all animals must be kept on a leash in public places?

But I digress. To reach the point where all are color- and gender-blind, we cannot go about pointing fingers. Remember when Mom wouldn't let you tattle on your little brother but made you both apologize regardless of who started what? It was a lesson in humility and respect, two of the qualities it will take to finally treat all equally, not screaming over pictures and political correctness.

SUSAN HENDERSON
MINING ENGINEERING SENIOR

To the editor:

The first time I saw the new UK web site, I thought, "That's ugly." And I moved on with my life. Then I read about the uproar in the Kernel, and I think, "Oh, brother, here we go again." Then I re-read some of the comments in the article from June 14, and I started to wonder about the logic of those who oppose the site design.

Joan Callahan states that the young lady in the collage "...certainly doesn't look like someone who might be a protégée of this professor, while the young man might be." Why not? Is it because she is a woman? Is it because she is an African-American person? Is it because she might have a sense of humor? Why would Professor Callahan perceive that anyone might not be a "protégée" of Greg Gerhardt or any other professor? (Did anyone ask Dr. Gerhardt his opinion? I don't know him, but I understand he's a nice guy.) In more than ten years working in laboratory settings, here at UK and elsewhere, I have known individuals from a very wide range of racial and ethnic groups, male and female, with and without a sense of humor. We have all been "protégées" of a professor at some point.

I only hope Professor Callahan was misquoted or somehow taken out of context. Otherwise, her remarks are more blatantly sexist and/or racist than any possible connotation that could be inferred from the UK web site.

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Steve Jones
SPORTSWEEKLY EDITOR

True fans a rare breed

UK's football following: Faith, optimism key to loving the Cats

During the summer when no UK teams are in action and one can only look ahead to next season, my mind and my keyboard once again long for my favorite UK team.

In the land of Rupp, Pitino and Tubby, it can be difficult to find a true UK football fan.

But I live for the Cats of the gridiron — not the ones of the hardwood.

Don't get me wrong. I love the basketball team and its permanent seat on the doorstep of the Final Four, but the quest of the football team year in and year out is the one that ultimately enraptures me.

With their team constantly playing the role of David in the SEC, true fans devote themselves to the Cats' fight for the same elusive goal each year — a six-win season.

While the feat may only be accomplished a few times per decade, the pursuit of six wins, and subsequent bowl eligibility, is, to true UK football fans like me, the most exciting sports drama on this campus.

And for the true fan, each year seems to play out the same way.

First, the fan eagerly grabs the free schedule cards from the counters of local gas stations and fast food restaurants.

One schedule is placed on his refrigerator, another handy in his wallet at all times.

He refers to it often, to remind co-workers of the Saturday kickoff times and to decide which road games are within driving distance.

He optimistically looks down the schedule week by week, marking what will be a W or L in the margin next to every opponent.

Victories against Louisville in the opener, the cupcake MAC team in the second game and Indiana in a nail-biter constitute his an-

nually predicted 3-0 start for the Cats.

A win against Vandy in the 10th game is a certainty, he thinks, even though the Commodores beat or nearly beat the Cats the previous season.

That makes four wins — just two more, he grins, and we're bowling in Nashville, Shreveport or Atlanta come Christmas time.

A Jefferson Pilot game against South Carolina or Arkansas will be pivotal.

Surely the Cats will pull out a couple more W's somewhere.

Of course the finale against the Vols is "L.ed," but, who will know the outcome until the last playing of "Rocky Top?"

As the real games are played, the Cats walk the 500-foot rope, and the true fan is there all the way.

Sitting in the same Commonwealth Stadium seat he's had for years, the fan endures a muggy September day game and the freezing rain of an October evening contest.

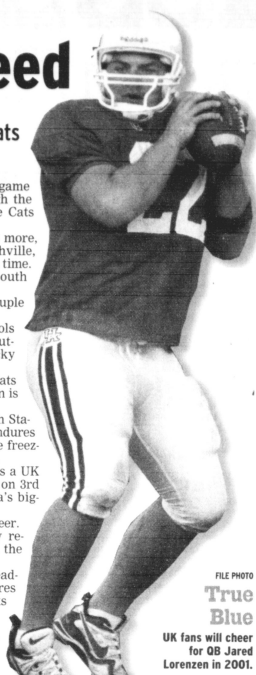
He does all this so he can cheer as a UK receiver catches one over the middle on 3rd and 3 or a Cat safety picks off Florida's big-shot QB.

Last season, the fan had little to cheer.

A listless 2-9 record and an ugly recruiting scandal placed UK as far in the SEC cellar as it has ever been.

Nonetheless, the fan remains steadfast. The season was a fluke, he assures himself. It was just a case of bad breaks and the actions of one irresponsible staff member.

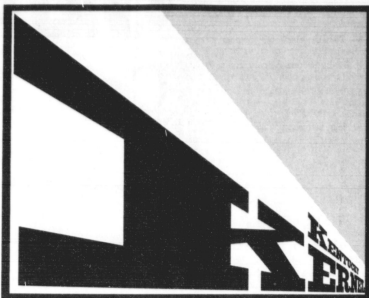
And as long as there's another year, the true UK football fan knows there are another six games to be won.



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